

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

U.S. Application No.: 09/254,005

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powders constituting the consolidated material are arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.

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3. (Three times amended) A consolidated material of coated powders in the

form of a molded, three-dimensional article, said coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon plural coating films having a uniform thickness of 0.01 to 5  $\mu\text{m}$  per film in which at least any adjacent coating films are different in kind, wherein the coated powders are mutually adhered at the outermost coating film, the base particle comprises a glass, a metal, or a metal oxide, and the coating films are each a metal film or a metal oxide film, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.